

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 22**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2000-016**  
**DATE: July 28, 2000      TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Flooding and ground saturation – Due to a series of storms and high water tables, resulting from eight years of consecutive flooding.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross currently has one (1) active case open. Lutheran Disaster Response is currently helping 35 refugee families.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The North Dakota Department of Health continues to assess the need to request federal assistance and/or reimbursement of costs related to mosquito control in counties affected by recent flooding.

Logan County official's report that approximately 25 road sites have damage with repair work being done by county work crews. The cost of road repair is estimated to be \$100,000. Officials from the city of Gackle and Department of Health are monitoring the rising level of Logan Lake which poses a threat for sewage backup from the lagoon.

On July 25, federal and state officials announced that 20 North Dakota counties were added to the June 27 presidential disaster declaration that had already impacted 18 counties and two indian reservations in the state. Counties added are Barnes, Burke, Burleigh, Cavalier, Dickey, Emmons, LaMoure, Logan, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Pembina, Renville, Rolette, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Towner and Ward Counties. These counties are eligible for Individual Assistance Programs only.

The McIntosh Board of County Commissioners declared an emergency on July 28 due to damage to individual homes and businesses caused by

spring runoff, high water table and torrential rains occurring in April, May and June 2000; and continuing.

On July 25, officials announced the end to the declaration incident period, effective July 21. The application period remains open for citizens who need to register for assistance on damages incurred from April 5 through July 21, 2000.

The incident period for claiming Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is from April 5 through July 21. Individual unemployment claims must be made by August 4, 2000. Benefit amounts are generally one-half of the person's prior average wage and can range up to \$293 per week. Individuals may inquire about DUA at any Job Service office.

The United States Senate passed an agriculture appropriations bill July 20 with provisions to help farmers hit hard by natural disasters. The bill has 15 amendments one of which calls for 450 million in emergency aid for crops that were flooded, affected by disease and burned by drought.

As of July 27, 2000: 5,792 North Dakotans had registered for assistance through FEMA's teleregistration center. Of those, 4,851 applications are under review by the Disaster Housing Program. To date, FEMA has paid more than \$5,979,259 in housing benefits and completed 4,706 home inspections.

- Disaster Unemployment Assistance has 1,129 claims filed, of which thirty-four (34) have been approved in the amount of \$151,411
- The Individual and Family Grant Program, administered by North Dakota Emergency Management, has received 1,670 applications and has approved \$1,074,414 in benefits.
- The Small Business Administration has issued 5,176 applications to disaster victims and has administered \$2,076,400 in loans.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: The Stutsman County Emergency Manager reports that continued thunderstorm activity this summer has saturated the upper James River Basin in Wells, Foster and Eddy Counties creating a large amount of run-off that has been flowing into both Pipestem and Jamestown Dams. Because of the higher dam water levels, the Army Corp of Engineers has increased the amount of water released from these dams. Depending on additional inflows from subsequent rain fall this could pose a threat similar to 1993 and 1997 when sandbagging in various areas around Jamestown took place.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has put together a web page with cleanup and recovery information. The page is located at:  
<http://www.fema.gov/reg-viii/floods.htm>

Situation Reports published by North Dakota Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is:  
<http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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